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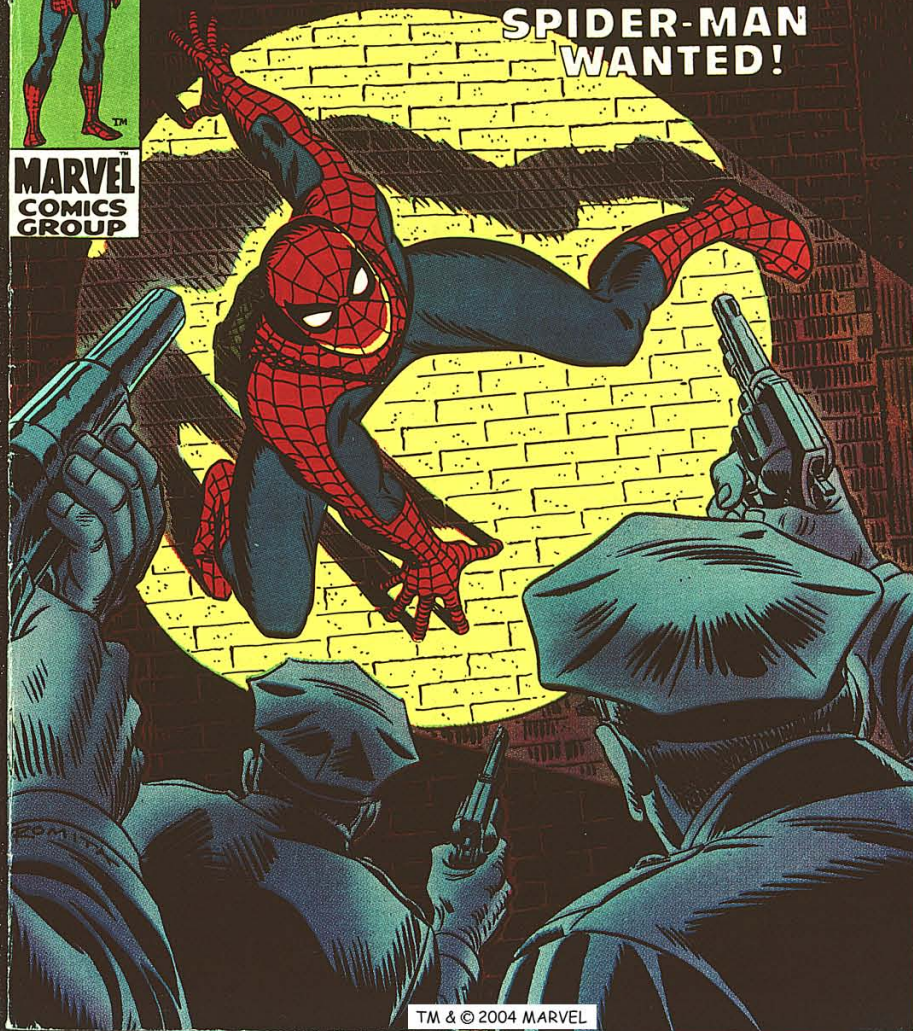


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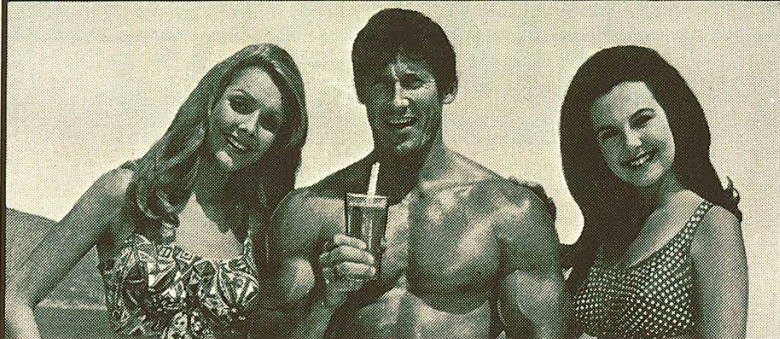


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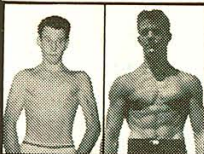
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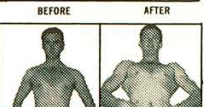
GAINS OF UP TO A POUND-A-DAY PROVEN BY THOUSANDS

IT'S DELICIOUS! IT'S WILD! The new taste-sensation "CRASH-WEIGHT GAINING PLAN" developed by Joe Weider, "Trainer of Champions", "Architect of Beauty" helps you drink on pounds... UP TO A POUND A DAY easily and enjoyably while you rest... relax... watch TV... sleep. Men, women and children... see measurable gains instantly and say goodbye to your skinny, undesirable string-bean body... NOW!



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Used with amazing results by tens of thousands of men, women and children for more than 7 years! Now, you too can take this guaranteed way to build up your caloric intake for fast and substantial weight gains!



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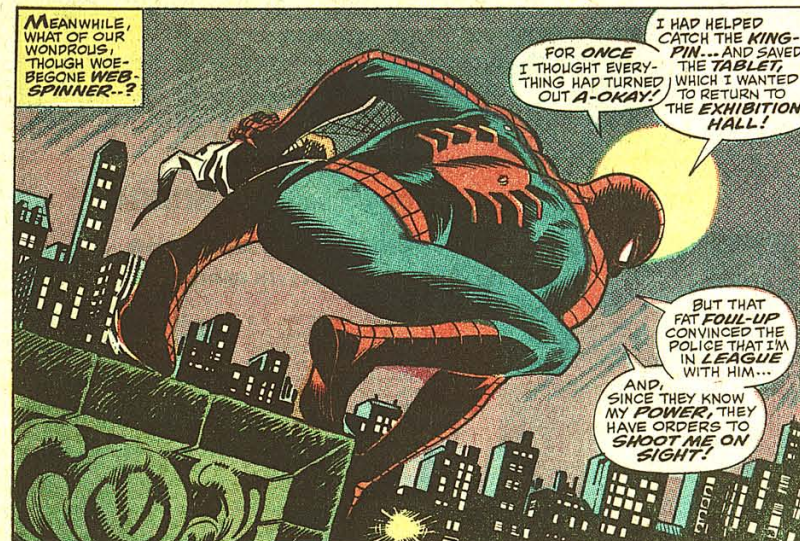
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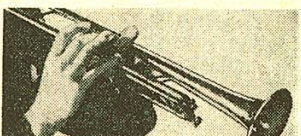
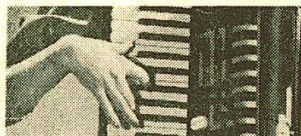
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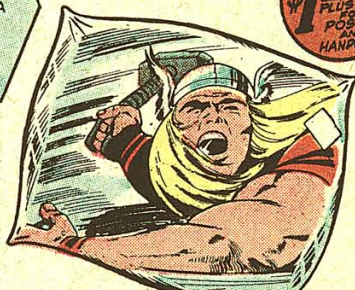
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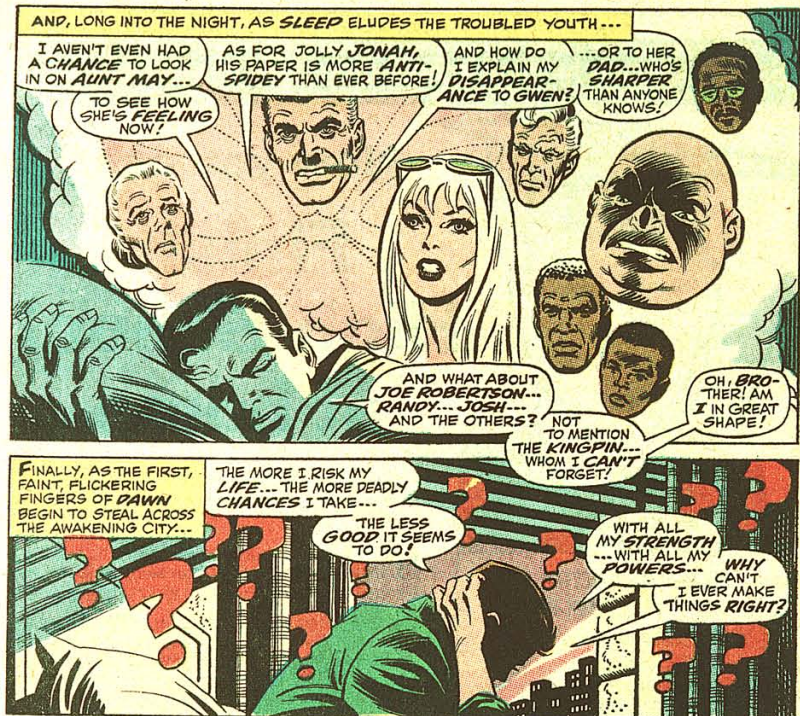
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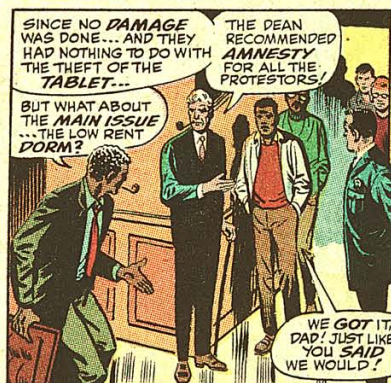
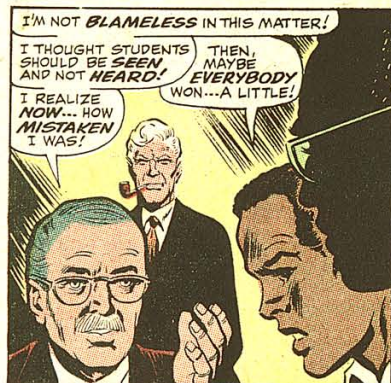
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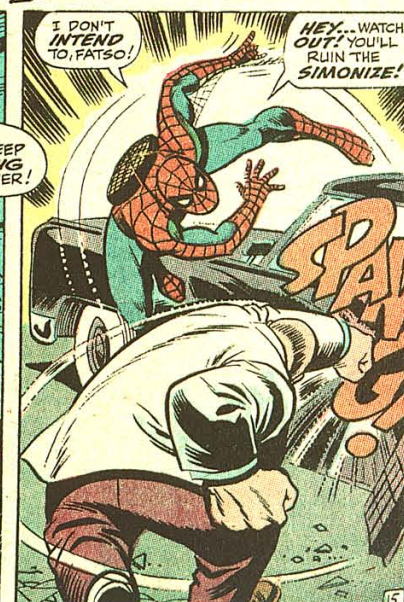
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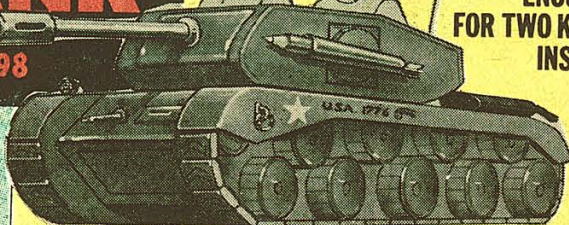
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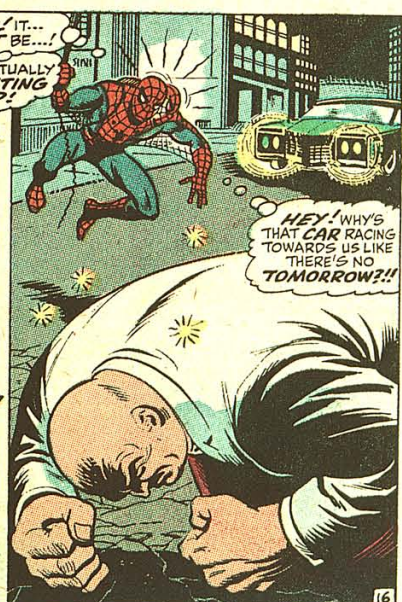
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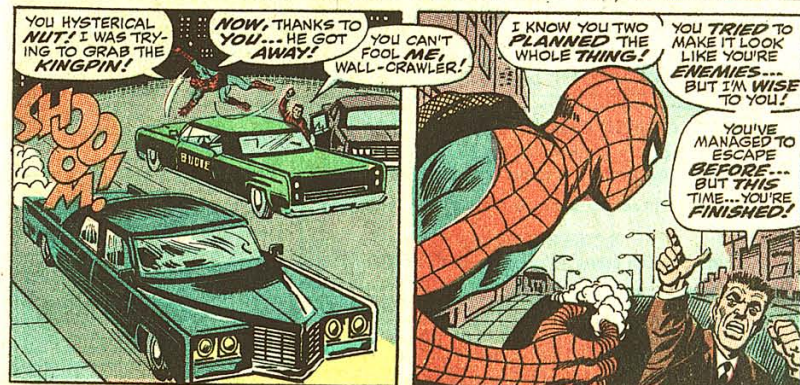
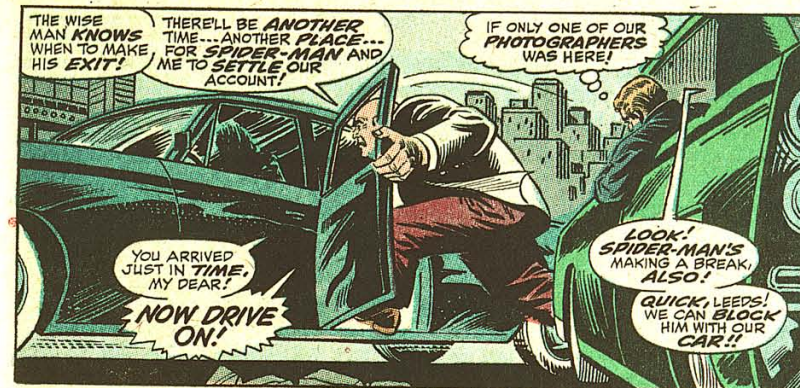
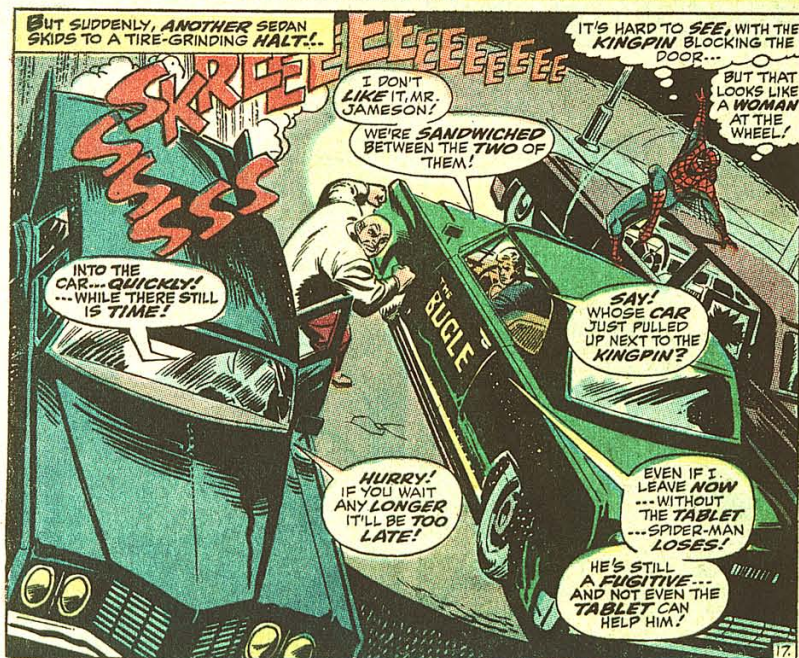
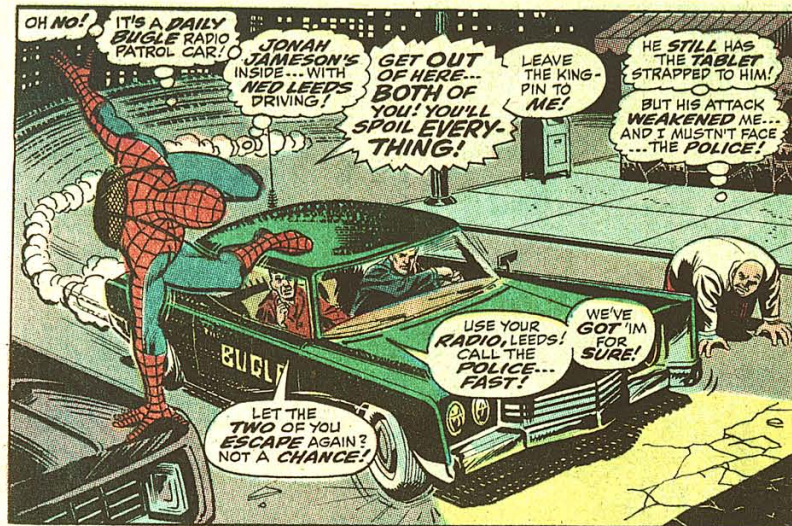
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Dear Stan and John,

I have just finished some research on Spider-Man. I know many people have wondered how strong Spider-Man really is. In issue #32, he lifted a car—a feat which requires the strength of 32 men who could lift 250 lbs. each. In #33, he lifts a massive machine off himself (you must reckon with the fact that he was half-way on the verge of exhaustion). A few days back, I shot a spider on the wall with a nozzle (on full power) connected to our hose. Though I was less than 1 foot away, the blast just knocked the spider down. He promptly got up and began scaling the wall again. Today, setting up a can of "7-Up", I shot at it from 4 feet I tried 5, but the spider didn't fall! and the spider fell. The can was from 12 to 20 times heavier than the spider, so multiplying the 4 feet by the 16 (about halfway between 12 and 20) I have come to the conclusion that he is as strong as 64 men. This is not exact, but it is close. If I'm way off, please correct my error.

Scott Hamilton, 2101 Junius
San Antonio, Texas 78201

You want us to correct you if you're wrong Scotty boy? We, who've made every nutty mistake in the book, from coloring Cap red-white-and-purple to forgetting Bruce Banner's first name? Nay, lad—you must be puttin' us on! Right about now, we think the wisest thing we can do is retire quietly to the shadows, and let Spidey's other faithful followers debate the pros and cons of your cataclysmic conclusion.

Dear Stan and John,

I finished SPIDER-MAN #68 a few days ago. It just breaks me up to see old P. P. get booted all the time by the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune". I propose a solution that would retain a tragic element in our hero's life, but shift the emphasis away from poverty, family misfortune, and lack of friendship. Aunt May should be allowed to die, and then Pete should enlist and be sent to Vietnam. His extreme money troubles would then be ended, he would be out of the clutches of Mr. Osborn/Green Goblin, and there would surely be enough somber tension arising at the battlefield for the author to allow him a full quota of human friendship in "exchange". After all, Sgt. Fury had a few human-relations problems! Perhaps Parker could meet and finally prove his worth to Flash Thompson, and I can just see the girls going into ecstasy over letters from their own private war hero. There would also be plenty of room for the Spider-Man half—fighting ordinary criminals in Saigon, Communist rings, and Far East supervillains. For example, just imagine Spidey slugging it out with the Mandarin. Frankly, since you consigned Cap to the spy-and-fantasy world of S.H.I.E.L.D., there has been a gap; comicdom has had no current war hero to rally around. The Marvelophile portion of our troops, among other readers, might get a real boot out of such a change. I understand that Vietnam is a controversial issue, and this is why you are avoiding it. This attitude is, to say the least, out of character. If Marvel had thought like this four years ago, what would have become of the revolution you guys started in the handling of race in comic books?

It should be noted that to put Spidey in action is not to engage in debate or to pass judgment upon all the intricate pros and cons of the war, but simply to entertain the readers. I believe that the editors have some serious thinking to do, and that this issue also deserves to be put to the readers.

Cole Kitchen, 10401 Riverwood Drive
Potomac, MD 20854

In a sense it already has been, Cole. We've had letters both pro and con on this subject ever since we started setting a few special stories in Vietnam several years ago. (And that's been a while, as anybody who was around for Iron Man's origin can tell ya!) It always seemed to us that our mail was about equally divided between those who loved and those who loathed such epics, so we finally decided to use Vietnam as a locale only if a particular story truly cried out for such a locale. However, we'll be glad to reopen the subject if and when Marveldom Assembled demands it. What say you, frantic ones—should Spidey don khaki green on occasion? Or do you think it'd clash with his webbing?

Dear Stan and John,

In answer to the letter from Stephen Voorhies (SPIDEY #67), concerning the disappearing act of the web under Spidey's arm, I quote you: "What's the matter with Spidey's now-you-see-it-now-you-don't webbing. . . . Have you ever run into a spider-web 'cause you didn't see it? Well, that's how it is with the Great Arachnid! From certain angles, or in certain light, the webbing isn't visible. THAT's why you can sometimes even see webbing on one side of Spidey and not on the other side!" (Stan Lee, that's you, ish #57.) And while I'm talking about letters, Buster Phillips has the right idea in ish #67 about Robertson and George Stacy being mainly the ones he could trust most. It seems to me that Doc Brownwell LIKED Peter in ish #33. He even thought that he would make a good teenage idol! Spidey's real fight with Mystery, life-sized hand-to-hand, was too short. I even have something to say about the SPIDEY ANNUAL #5. The Skull said that Spidey's web was flimsy! He must not have read Annual #1! A 1/2" strand could hold my buddy Ben a prisoner for life. Bring back hoods. . . . of the plain and simple type. Electro, the Enforcers, and Ka-Zar are good for near-future epics.

Jerry Hawkins, 23418 19th Ave.
Bohemia, NY 11761

As a matter of fact, ol' Ka-Zar was even good for a near-past epic, it seems to us. Still, he may just pop up for a rematch one of these days, now that he's finished his adventure with the incredible, inedible Hulk! And, by the way, you hit the nail smack on the head with your explanation of why the Red Skull said Spidey's web was flimsy. He had, indeed, shamefully neglected to purchase our first awesome annual Don't worry, though—Captain America intends to send him a copy, as soon as he can put him in prison long enough to figure out his exact mailing address!

Dear Stan and John,

I am doing something I never thought I would get the ambition to do . . . write a letter to a comic book (the creators, rather). After several years of loyalty to another brand of comics, I finally got disgusted with the lack of humanism and swore off comics for several years. I had discovered THE FANTASTIC FOUR, but then I realized that what seemed to be the other extreme. Then SPIDER-MAN came into my life and I was hooked instantly. Now I must admit that I am in love with Peter Parker, and if I wasn't already engaged I would look Gwen in a closet and take her place. One long-haired blonde looks pretty much like another. SPIDER-MAN somehow keeps getting better all the time. May I congratulate you on a magazine that is not only a pleasure to read, but a joy to look at as well. Not too long ago it seems that the clothes were out of the Dark Ages and the characters were stereotypes in identifying (and equally old-fashioned) hairdos. Now, everything is refreshingly modern, and the characters seem real. Spidey himself couldn't be improved and any change in his character would almost certainly be detrimental. However, changes in his environment, combined with continuity, are what make this magazine so fine. At first I was offended and discouraged by your habit of carrying the stories out through several issues, but now I know that this is almost vital to achieve the realistic flow of events that take place, and I eagerly run to the store every few days to see if the next issue is out yet. Like any loyal fan, I contemplate Spidey's future. Aunt May can't keep getting weaker and weaker without turning into an anemic vapor. Therefore, I suppose Aunt May will eventually disincorporate and Peter's worries will have to take a new form—hopefully Gwen. It is nice to have a super-hero who is neither an overplayed boy nor a stuffy middle-ager. Since Peter is human, I hope he will have an occasional birthday in chronological order. As time passes, it seems only natural that he should marry, especially if Aunt May dies. Peter just doesn't seem like the type who could last long without someone to be close to. But please, I ask you on a bended knee not to stick Spidey with a sidekick. Spidey alone against the world—that's what makes him great, and it makes him resourceful and gives him a chance to prove that he can't be kept down. I like the way the various heroes are constantly brought together. One isn't made to feel that since one is reading about Spider-Man (or Capt. America, etc.) that only he can save the world. If the villain defeats one super-hero, it is nice to know that the others are still around for him to contend with. Jan Wayenberg, 1213 S. 5th Ave.
Yakima, Wash. 98902

And if the villain defeats all of them, there's still Fearless Farbrush to reckon with, eh, pussycat? But anyway, don't worry about Spidey getting stuck with a sidekick. We wouldn't even consider such a thing! After all, that'd spoil the nice surprise we have for you next ish—when Peter Parker acquires a new pet super-spider! (Just kiddin', Jan . . . as if you couldn't tell!)

Dear Stan and John,

Every time my friends get a mag, good ol' Spidey then invites us over to read it. Then comes the same old question, "What is Spidey's web formula?" I don't know what to say. This was your idea—please help.

Steve Klotz, 1684 Watson Ave.
St. Paul, Minn. 55116

Sorry, Steverino, but the formula of Spidey's webbing is a state secret! (Or a county secret, anyhow!) Actually, we'd love to tell ya, but you never can be certain who'll be reading these pages. After all, just the other day, we got a subscription order from a Dr. O. C. Topus . . . and we're not taking any chances!

Dear Stan and John,

As a faithful merry Marvel Marcher, I have been disconsolate at the aspersions cast upon your handling of Aunt May; in particular, by those who propound that you merclessly croak the poor dear. My disconsolation, however, has borne fruit in the following idea which I modestly offer to you for the price of two no-prizes. This idea, should you decide to use it, would evoke pity in the May-haters and fear in the May-lovers; i.e., it would take on the tragic proportions of an Oedipus Rex or a Battle of the Baxters Building. This is it guys: Just as the dear lady is about to shuffle off this mortal coil, enter Doc Ock. He seems to be all heart when he proffers one of his three coeurs (capi, I do believe, do have three) as a transplant; but fiend that he is; he has had installed in this heart a psycho-cybernetic servo unit which affects the nervous system of the transplantee and makes her an extension of the villainous Ock's ego—in addition to giving her the usual battery of super-powers. Of course her first mission is to vanquish the woe-beset Spidey. I'll leave the rest to you guys, except that a good ending would be for Aunt May to finally kick, leaving Spidey with a fresh motive to continue his career as a crime-combater. Either that, or else have Aunt May take her place as a permanent baddie like Dr. Doom or the Red Skull—you might even have her zap Ock and hoist him with his own petard; I'm kind of tired of seeing his tentacles pop up every other ish. Well, it's about time you guys stopped reading ridiculous letters and started writing ridiculous comics. Face front! Webfully yours . . .

Ben Broslog, 6013 N. 12th St.
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There are those, Philly friends, who say we're been writing ridiculous comics for years! But, who are we to argue with a guy who wants to make Aunt May into a super-villain? Frankly, we think that's the most preposterous idea we've heard yet! But now, if you wanted us to turn her into a super-villainess . . . !



Dear Stan and John,

I would like to point out some reasons for the success of Spider-Man when it comes to originality. First of all, he always has problems like crazy. No other hero, not even in Marvel, has so many problems as he does. Second, there are his powers. They are not so formidable as to be able to take over the world, but they are enough to mop up a gang of thugs or bend iron bars and such-like. Third, he always has a shroud of mystery around him (poetic, eh?), so that nobody knows whether to love him or hate him. Spidey is also the only misfortunate to have a public badgerer, J. Jonah Jameson. If this is not originality, what is?

Jeff Collins, 59 Elmwood Ave.
Valois, Quebec, Canada

We're not sure, Jeff. But Spidey says that if having JJJ on his back is the essence of originality, he kind'a thinks he'd prefer to be a carbon-copy hero instead! Oh well . . . at least people aren't ignoring him!

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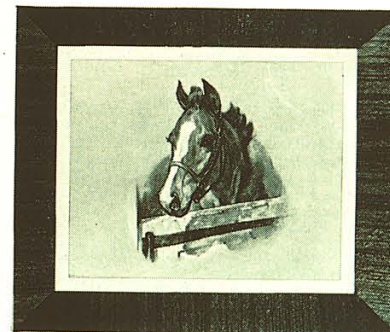
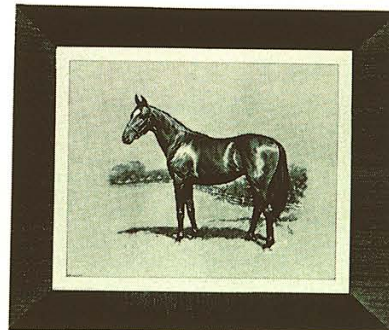
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Norman Rockwell—America's most beloved artist. He is a founder and member of the Guiding Faculty of the Famous Artists School.

'We're looking for people who like to draw'

says Norman Rockwell

Today hundreds of men and women who never thought they could be artists are working at easels and drawing boards, making pictures and getting well paid for it. They all can thank a group of famous artists who have devoted much of their time and talent to helping others find success in art.

Some of the people the Famous Artists have helped

Carl Kock was an 18-year-old apprentice in a Chicago art studio when he enrolled. Today he prepares ads for such companies as General Motors and Firestone—has won five gold medals.

Howard Sanden of Minneapolis took the Course while still in high school. He is now a successful artist—recently he and his wife traveled through Europe and the Middle East on important art assignments.

Paul Sullivan enrolled at 14. His Famous Artists training helped him work his way through college.

Kathleen Girona of Indiana, Pennsylvania, was an 18-year-old salesgirl in a department store. She still works for a department store, but now it's as an advertising artist and fashion illustrator.

With Famous Artists training James Ryan, formerly a clerk, has become an illustrator at Hughes Aircraft—and turns out a steady stream of well-paying free-lance artwork in his spare time.

Oregon housewife Helen Tryk lives 150 miles from the nearest big city. But she does fashion illustration, has her own studio, runs an art work shop, does portraits.

A plan to help others

It started over 18 years ago when a group of America's most successful artists—men like Albert Dorne, Norman Rockwell, Jon Whitcomb, Al Parker and Stevan Dohanos—met in New York City. They knew that all over America there were people who liked to draw who could be turned into good artists. Albert Dorne asked, "Why can't we give these people the

training they need—including all the trade secrets and know-how we've learned over the years?"

He suggested a new kind of art school—a home study art school—that would give talented people the best professional art training, no matter where they live.

The famous artists agreed. Taking time from their busy careers, they created a remarkable series of art lessons covering every aspect of drawing and painting. They illustrated their lessons with over 5,000 "here's-how" illustrations. The lessons start from scratch and cover every skill a top artist needs. Finally, they developed a wonderful way to give each student personal correction and advice all through his training.

The famous artists with the School are not surprised at the success of their students. The opportunities open to successful artists today are enormous. The School continually gets calls from all over the country asking for practical well-trained students—not geniuses—who can step into full-time or part-time art jobs. And practical, thorough training is what the School offers.

Famous Artists Talent Test

To find others with art talent worth developing, the Famous Artists created a 12-page Talent Test. Thousands paid to take this test, but now the School offers and grades it free. Men and women who do well on the test—or offer other sufficient evidence of art talent—may enroll in the School. But there's no obligation. Simply mail the coupon below.

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